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Level 1

Halal snack helps bring Australians together

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new fast food in Australia is helping to bring Australians together. It is also the People's Choice Word of the Year. It is the "halal snack pack", also called an "HSP". It is a mix of kebab meat, fries and a spicy sauce. The snack started in Australia but has its roots in the Middle East. It is now a symbol of multiculturalism and is making people more aware of halal food. There is an HSP Facebook group with 180,000 members. People share their best HSP stories.

The halal snack has got people talking in Australia. The HSP became more popular after a politician refused to eat one. She said halal meat was unacceptable in Australia and that "98% of Australians" were against it. There is no proof of this. The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils said HSP winning word of the year was fantastic. It said having the word in the dictionary, "takes away the mystery...about the word 'halal'. It's all about what's positive".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. helping to bring Australians | a. 180,000 members |
| 2. the "halal snack pack", also | b. in the Middle East |
| 3. a spicy | c. called an "HSP" |
| 4. has its roots | d. HSP stories |
| 5. a symbol of | e. together |
| 6. making people more aware | f. multiculturalism |
| 7. an HSP Facebook group with | g. of halal food |
| 8. share their best | h. sauce |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The halal snack has got | a. popular |
| 2. The HSP became more | b. of this |
| 3. a politician refused | c. was unacceptable |
| 4. She said halal meat | d. year was fantastic |
| 5. 98% of Australians | e. people talking |
| 6. There is no proof | f. about the word 'halal' |
| 7. winning word of the | g. to eat one |
| 8. takes away the mystery | h. were against it |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ Australia is helping to bring Australians together. It is also the People's Choice Word of the Year. It is the "halal snack pack", also called an "HSP". (2) _____ kebab meat, fries and (3) _____. The snack started in Australia but has its roots in the Middle East. It is (4) _____ multiculturalism and is making people (5) _____ halal food. There is an HSP Facebook group with 180,000 members. People (6) _____ HSP stories.

The halal (7) _____ people talking in Australia. The HSP became more popular after a politician (8) _____ one. She said halal meat was (9) _____ Australia and that "98% of Australians" were against it. There is (10) _____ this. The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils said HSP winning word of the year was fantastic. It said having the word in the dictionary, "(11) _____ mystery...about the word 'halal'. It's all about (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HALAL SNACK PACK SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170408-halal-snack-pack-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Halal Snack Pack in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Halal Snack Pack** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
